(d) The cadre was constituted only in September, 1983. The necessity for its review at this stage will be examined by Government.

Losses in Darjeeling Tea Estates due to G.N.L.F. Movement

290. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Darjeeling tea estates have suffered losses due to G.N.L.F. movement in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to subsidise the losses of Darjeeling tea estates in order to give them a fresh lease of life recoup the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the period 20th June, 1987 to 29th June, 1987 when there was a complete bandh in Darjeeling, due to stoppage of work in Tea Gardens, production to the tune of approximately 600 tons is reported to have been lost.

(c) All the Tea Estates have resumed production immediately after the calling off the bandh. At present, there is no proposal for providing subsidy.

Fire incidents in Delhi

291. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of major fire incidents in Delhi during the period from 1st January, 1986 to 30 June, 1987;

(b) what is the number of persons killed/injured in these fires;

(c) what were the causes of each such fire incident;

(d) what action has been taken against the building owners and unauthorised traders where such fire incidents took place;

(e) whether any survey has been conducted of the high rise buildings in Delhi; and

(f) if so, how many buildings have been found lacking in fire safety measures and what action has been taken against the building owners to avoid such incidents of fire?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) During this period, there was one incident of major fire, 7 incidents of serious fire and 24 incidents of medium fire.

(b) (i) killed—43.

(ii) Injured—133.

(c) The causes of fire were electric short circuit, coming in touch with naked flame, careless dropping of burning objects etc.

(d) In the major incident of fire at Siddhartha Inter-Continental Hotel, a criminal case has been filed in the court on the 2nd March, 1987 against the management of the hotel.

(e) and (f) On the basis of survey conducted, legal notices have since been issued to the owners/occupiers of 194 high-rise buildings to provide the fire safety and fire fighting measures, as pointed out. They have been asked to carry out the directions before 30th September, 1987.

Illegal arms factory unearthed in Delhi

292. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an illegal arms factory engaged in manufacturing country-made weapons has been unearthed in the second week of July, 1987 in the trans-Yamuna area in Delhi;